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## **OSP Weekly Report Week of June 6 – June 10, 2016**

### **Tire Crumb**

- On June 10, representatives from NERL/ORD, OLEM, and CDC will visit the [REDACTED] tire crumb manufacturing plant in [REDACTED]. The [REDACTED] plant is a state-of-the-art facility that provides tire crumb to some of the major synthetic turf field installers.

### **Early Guidance for NO<sub>2</sub> Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)**

- On June 10, OSP and NCEA will participate in an early guidance meeting with the Administrator on the primary (health-based) NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>2</sub>). The NO<sub>2</sub> primary NAAQS was last reviewed in 2010, ORD/NCEA finalized an Integrated Science Assessment in Jan 2016, and OAR/OAQPS is expected to release a first draft of the policy assessment later this summer. OAR's preliminary staff-level conclusion is that the current annual and 1-hour standards are adequate to protect public health.

### **Region 1 to host National Community Solar Partnership (NCSP) Workshop**

- On June 9, Region 1's Green Remediation Coordinators, including Jan Szaro (OSP's Superfund and Technology Liaison in Region 1), will host a NCSP workshop on June 9. The NCSP is a partnership of EPA, DOE, HUD, USDA, and others that work with the public and private sector to expand access to community solar power, particularly for low and moderate income communities. Key stakeholders, including financiers, developers, government agencies and community groups, will be in attendance.

### **Region 5 Sustainability Week**

- On June 13-17, Carole Braverman (Region 5 Regional Science Liaison) will host an Open House display on "How Green is Green?: ORD Research and the Science of Sustainability" during Sustainability Week in Region 5. R5 is hosting daily events during Sustainability Week to promote learning, sharing and fun ways to incorporate sustainability into day-to-day activities. For example, there will be a "Sustainable Chicago" walking tour and a mini film festival which will feature a short film on NCER's "People, Prosperity and the Planet" program.

### **ORD's Citizen Science Air Sensor Monitoring team Nominated for Region 2's Annual Award for Outstanding Assistance**

- Region 2's Regional Science Council has created an award to recognize outstanding assistance from EPA staff-level scientists, engineers, or teams outside of the Region. This year, NERL's Tim Barzyk and Ron Williams and NRMRL's Gayle Hagler have been nominated for their outstanding assistance to Region 2 in the Agency's first-ever project to work collaboratively with a community (the Ironbound community of Newark, NJ) to design and pilot a Citizen Science Toolbox. The toolbox enables

community volunteers to use agency-built air sensor monitoring units to measure air pollutants of concern in their community. Region 2 states *"It is no exaggeration to suggest that Region 2's leadership in the area of supporting citizen science would not have been possible without the assistance provided by Ron, Gayle and Tim. Their focus on providing tools that support citizen science efforts is unique within ORD and closely aligned with our own Regional commitment as well as the interests of the other Regional offices. R2, and the communities whose efforts we hope to support, are quite fortunate to have as our partners these three talented and uniquely community-focused scientists."*